

Washington Irving Revisited

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In the July/August issue of The Perfin Bulletin, I presented a brief list of seven perfin patterns that I had found in the 1¢ Washington Irving stamp of 1940 (SC#859). I asked Club members to contact me with additions to the list.

I received a number of responses to my article and the checklist of perfins in the Washington Irving issue now consists of more than 20 patterns. Several members also included perfinned Irvings for my collection, which was very much appreciated.

One item of interest was punched with a large 'H.B.' pattern, which Pat Callis identified as being a portion of a larger revenue punch, rather than a postal perfin. The first line of this punch reads

'H.B.Co.121' and is attributed to the Hemrich Brewing Company or to Horluck Brewing Company, Seattle WA.

The updated Checklist of patterns in the Washington Irving issue is presented below. Special thanks to the following Perfins Club members for their help: Jack Brandt, Pat Callis, Mike Falls, Jerry Kotek, Bob Schwerdt, and Bob Szymanski.

B12.9	F23	I90	N151	S120
C146	F68	J34	NS/CO	U59
C219	HE	L51	P56.18	U82-11
C229	H62	L77	P147	V1.5
C-H	H110	L122	S2.7	W112
F217	Plus the revenue punch: H.B.Co.121/date			